

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 7 December 2009
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

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| Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman) | Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman) |
| Councillor Ken Atack | Councillor Norman Bolster |
| Councillor Michael Gibbard | Councillor James Macnamara |
| Councillor Kieron Mallon | Councillor Nigel Morris |
| Councillor D M Pickford | Councillor Nicholas Turner |

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2009.

Strategy and Policy

6. **Countywide Interim Planning Advice Note - Renewable Energy & Sustainable Construction** (Pages 9 - 48) **6.35 pm**

Report of Head of Planning and Affordable Housing Policy

Summary

To seek approval of an 'Advice Note' document which has been prepared by Oxfordshire County Council in liaison with district councils across Oxfordshire to provide advice on renewable energy and sustainable construction issues in the interim period before Core Strategies are adopted. The Advice Note does not establish new planning policy, but seeks to emphasise the relevant policies in the adopted South East Plan. It also provides further information which will be of use in making applications for planning permission, and in the decision making process.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

Approve the Advice Note attached as appendix 1 to this report for use as a guide to assist applicants in making planning applications and development control in making decisions regarding the need to improve renewable energy provision and sustainable construction standards.

Service Delivery and Innovation

7. **Banbury Cultural Quarter** (Pages 49 - 58) **6.45 pm**

Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community

Summary

To consider proposals for the development of a Banbury Cultural Quarter in conjunction with The Mill Management Committee and Oxfordshire County Council.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Support the concept of a Cultural Quarter in Banbury to the east of the Oxford Canal as outlined in the report;
- (2) Support Oxfordshire County Council in the development of an integrated new library and Mill as outlined in the report;

- (3) Agree a supplementary capital estimate of £60,000 to progress the Cultural Quarter components to the level of detail required and to submit an outline planning application;
- (4) Receive further reports on the further design work, outline capital costs and anticipated revenue implications of progressing the District Council's components of the Cultural Quarter prior to any commitment.

8. Sports Centres Modernisation Update (Pages 59 - 66)

7.05 pm

Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community

Summary

To consider the progress made on the Sports Centres Modernisation project and the temporary use of the land of the current Spiceball Sports Centre site.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current position and progress to date;
- (2) Note the plans for the official opening of the new Spiceball Leisure Centre;
- (3) Agree that following demolition, part of the site of the current Spiceball Park Sports Centre be used for a temporary car park and a planning application be submitted for its change of use;
- (4) Make a car park order, subject to the planning consent, for a temporary car park at Spiceball Park Sports Centre.
- (5) Agree to fund the costs of creating the temporary car park from the Sports Centres Modernisation project fund in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Recreation and Health.

9. ICT Service Provision Strategy (Pages 67 - 76)

7.25 pm

Report of Head of Customer Service and Information Services

Summary

This report seeks Member approval for a major strategic project to improve the resilience of the Council's computer systems, and to progress the means of identifying options for the medium and long term delivery of ICT services.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) To approve the project to complete the virtualisation and thin client projects and related staffing changes using the £125,000 already approved for ICT investment, but released by reducing the 2009/2010 ICT capital programme.

- (2) To approve a supplementary estimate of up to £150,000 for the purposes of (1) above.
- (3) To request that a Member and Officer review group is established to review the options available to the Council for the future delivery of strategic ICT services.
- (4) Approve the proposal for interim arrangements for ICT service delivery pending the findings of the review group, at an estimated cost of £50,000 to be met from the ICT reserve.

10. Draft Budget 1, Corporate Plan and Service Plans 2010 - 2011 (Pages 77 - 110)
7.35 pm

Report of Head of Finance

Summary

The Council has to adopt a budget for 2010/11 as the basis for calculating its level of Council Tax and has to base that budget on its plans for service delivery during the year, recognising any changes in service demand that may arise in future years. This is the first of three opportunities that the Executive has to shape and refine the interaction between the Corporate Plan, the service plans that underpin the corporate plan and financial matters before the final budget is presented to the Council on the 22nd February 2010.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- (1) to consider the draft budget (detailed in Appendix 1) and service plans in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities;
- (2) to endorse the proposed service priorities and the draft Corporate Plan for 2010-11 (detailed in Appendix 2);
- (3) to note the areas of unavoidable revenue growth (detailed in Appendix 3);
- (4) to agree the approach to the overall capital programme and 2010/11 expenditure profile (detailed in Appendix 4);
- (5) to advise of any other matters they would like taken into consideration in producing a balanced budget for the next meeting of the Executive on 11th January 2010 ;
- (6) to note that any recommendations of the scrutiny reviews on the non consulted services and capital programme to be considered at the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board on 1st December 2009 will be reviewed as part of the second draft of the budget:
- (7) to endorse the draft budget and corporate plan as the basis for consultation;

11. **Approval for Funding at Claypits Lane, London Road, Bicester** (Pages 111 - 118) **8.05 pm**

Report of Head of Housing Services

Summary

To seek approval for expenditure of £187,250 grant funding from the Capital Reserves for Affordable Housing towards the land for affordable housing at Claypits, Bicester.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

Approve a supplementary capital estimate of £187,250 to secure nomination rights to four affordable housing units at Claypits, London Road, Bicester.

12. **Authorisation of Supplementary Revenue Estimate** (Pages 119 - 130) **8.10 pm**

Report of Head of Development Control and Major Developments

Summary

To recommend authorisation of a budget for payment of compensation via a Supplementary Revenue Estimate to be funded from Development Control and Major Developments Reserve.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- (1) Note the attached report to the Planning Committee and the committee resolution to pay Mr Whithead and Ms Simons of the Marlborough Arms, Gatteridge Street Banbury £11,274.35 compensation for losses arising from the Council's maladministration.
- (2) Approve a Supplementary Revenue Estimate of £11,274.35 to be funded from Development Control and Major Developments reserve.

Urgent Business

13. **Urgent Business**

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report(s) contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

15. Old Bodicote House Refurbishment (Pages 131 - 160)

8.20 pm

Report of Chief Executive and Head of Economic Development and Estates

(Meeting scheduled to close at 8.35 pm)

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221587 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in Part 5 Section A of the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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